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PATENT

Applicant: **Williams et al.**
Serial No.: **09/553223**
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Title: **A COMBINED RAPID
SUSCEPTIBILITY ASSAY AND
MICROORGANISM
IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM**

Examiner: **P. Weber**
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for a four month extension of time for responding to the Notice of Appeal dated December 23, 2002, extending the statutory period of response from February 23, 2003 to June 23, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the extension fee in the amount of \$1,450 to Deposit Account 50-1329. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1329. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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